There exists a right of the wiser – not a law of the strongest.

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OUR STRENGTHS

Patent Litigation & Licensing

The core competence of the patent litigation & licensing team lies in enforcing intellectual property rights and defending against attacks based on such rights. We manage your legal actions in Germany and support you where required in coordinating parallel court cases in several countries. Contract law and strategic advice, patent infringement litigation, arbitration proceedings, competition law and the employee invention law are among the special areas of our team. In addition to German and English, we also offer our services in Japanese.

OUR SERVICES

Patent Litigation

Enforcing your intellectual property rights and making sure that your commercial activities are well defended against attacks based on such rights against attacks from third parties is a key focus of our team. We represent you in patent and utility model litigation, as well as in cases of unfair competition. In addition, we advise companies in connection with all strategic issues around the upcoming European unitary patent and Unified Patent Court (UPC).

Licences

A further core competence are license agreements and other advice on contractual law concerning intellectual property rights. We accompany you from the draft of the agreement to the negotiations and on to the implementation, focusing at all times on achieving your business goals. In addition to those aspects relevant to contract law and technology, we also keep the increasingly important competition law requirements in mind.

Due Diligence

IP rights are a key part of the assets of a company and take on especial significance for upcoming sales, joint ventures, restructuring and investments. Here, our many years of experience have placed us in a position to assess the values and the risks associated with those rights. We also ensure the legal effectiveness of transfers of rights.

Expert Opinions

Our legally and technically qualified professionals ensure that you will receive first-class advice in all questions related to your intellectual property. Our comprehensive legal opinions on strategic issues, as well as on all facets related to the enforcement of intellectual property rights, competition law and the employee invention law, lay the basis for successful negotiations and litigation.

OUR FIRM

Founded in 1892 HOFFMANN EITLE has been a synonym for experience and quality in the legal protection of intellectual property. With approximately 400 employees at six locations in Germany and the rest of Europe, HOFFMANN EITLE today is one of the largest and most successful firms covering intellectual property law in Europe and offering patent and legal services tailored to meet your specific needs.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We help you to protect your innovations effectively and enduringly. Our teams of experts successfully register, enforce, and defend your IP rights and provide competent advice in a profession where speed, thoroughness and a mastery of both technical and legal detail are key to preserving and extending ownership of your intellectual property. By concentrating on building up those key skills within our firm, we have come to stand out for our top-ranking expertise as well as for our speed and efficiency.